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July 16, 1954

TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OPERATING COMMITTEE OF ACT

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is a copy of the results passed by the 46th Governor's Conference at Lake George, New York. This resolution results directly from the discussion of highway taxation problems.

Significant, I think, to our interests is the concluding sentence which recommends a review of methods to be utilized by the convening of the 1955 legislative session in January.

Regards,

*John M. Redding*  
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HIGHWAY USER TAX

The states have adopted a variety of taxes and fees to charge the several classes of highway users a fair and reasonable share for the use of the highways. Generally, the existence of a variety of taxes in the several states has created no serious problem, with the single exception of the problem involving heavy commercial vehicles traveling interstate, which problem centers about the adjustments of the equities between those states relying on fuel taxes and registration fees, and those which impose some type of third structure tax, directly related to highway use in the state.

It is the position of the Governors' Conference that some type of working agreement among the states must be developed, whether by uniform legislation, interstate compact or otherwise, which will preserve the right of each state to devise its own tax system to meet its highway finance needs and, at the same time, provide a cooperative method of allocating the taxation of heavy commercial vehicles traveling interstate.

Accordingly, the 46th annual meeting of the Governors' Conference requests that the Executive Committee, or a special committee appointed by it, undertake a prompt review of methods which may be authorized to accomplish the position stated above, and to recommend to the respective Governors a unified program of action for all the states, prior to the convening of the 1955 legislative session.

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*July 11 thru 14, 1954*

June 23, 1954

Mr. Einar Mohn  
100 Indiana Avenue, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Einar:

I am enclosing a draft of the letter I have worked up in connection with the Governors Conference. The letter is to have the signatures of the four ACT Directors, and we will appreciate it very much if you will let me know your reaction to the letter.

I deliberately made this letter short because the ATA plans to supply each Governor with a somewhat voluminous kit of material. The plan is to send a copy to each Governor.

With warm regards.

Sincerely,

*Red*

Arthur D. Condon

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Honorable Ben Thornton  
Governor of Colorado  
Chairman, Governors Conference  
Sagamore Hotel  
Lake Geneva, New York

Dear Sir:

It is gratifying to the trucking industry that under your leadership the State Governors are to discuss in joint session the subject of highway problems and motor vehicle taxation at the Conference of Governors at Lake Geneva on July 12.

Punitive measures against the trucking industry by some states have created chaotic conditions which are well known to the officials of all the states. These conditions handicap and threaten to disrupt the functioning of the trucking industry which is the one element of our transportation systems vital to the nation's day-to-day economy and welfare.

The signers of this letter are the Directors of the Independent Advisory Committee to the Trucking Industry, a labor-management group dedicated to the principle that a strong efficient trucking industry is essential to the preservation of our country in peace and war. We are concerned with the adherence by many state governments to the archaic discriminatory practices against the trucking industry inspired by selfish interests blind to the emergence of the trucking industry as the paramount transportation medium. Because the public interest and the welfare of the trucking industry today are inseparable, the public suffers from the discriminatory and punitive state laws as much as does the industry itself.

Our group favors complete reciprocity and is opposed to all taxes and punitive laws, particularly to all so-called third structure taxes. We feel that no state having the

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Lake George, N.Y.  
July 11-14, 1954

June 9, 1954

Mr. John T. O'Brien, Vice President  
International Brotherhood of Teamsters,  
4217 South Halstead Street  
Chicago 9, Illinois.

Dear Vice President O'Brien:

Your letter of June 8 relative to your attendance  
at the Act Conference at Lake George, New York July 11 to  
14 inclusive, has been received.

I would suggest that you substitute Dave Sark and  
assign him to the Act Conference, and you maintain your  
date to meet with the committee from the Amalgamated  
Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen and the Committee from  
the International Brotherhood of Teamsters in Atlantic  
City, New Jersey on July 11, 1954.

Faternally,

Einar O. Mohr, Assistant  
to the General President

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broad interest of the nation and its own citizens at heart  
will continue on its books or enact punitive laws against its  
most vital industry, the trucking industry.

We will appreciate it very much if you will  
convey our views as set forth in this letter to the State  
Governors at the Conference.

Sincerely,

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June 8, 1954

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Mr. Dave Best-Gon. Pres.  
I.B.T.C.W.A.H. of A.  
and National Chairman of the Advisory  
Committee to the Trucking Industry  
1000 Vermont Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir and Brother:

I have your letter of June 7 relative to  
the ACT conference to be held at Lake George, New York, July 11-14  
conclusive.

You are asking that I serve as Teamster Co-  
Chairman and represent the state of Illinois. Please be advised,  
that inasmuch as I am scheduled to be in Atlantic City on July 11,  
same date as above, along with Elmer Mohn and Lou Harkness on your  
assignment and trying to work out a working agreement with Amalgamated  
Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen, these dates would conflict.

If you so desire, I can substitute Dave  
Sark and assign him to this conference. Dave is very familiar  
with politics in our state, as he represents the Municipal  
Drivers, and has made several acquaintances with Governor Stratten  
on different occasions.

Please advise as to whether I should sub-  
stitute Dave on this conference or whether I should cancel out  
my meeting of Atlantic City and attend this conference.

Hoping to hear from you at your earliest  
convenience, I remain

Fraternally yours,

J.T. O'Brien  
Vice Pres.

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Governors  
ACT Conference  
Lake George, N.Y.  
July 11-14, 1954

Mr. Dave Reed  
552 Kenny Way  
Seattle, Washington

Dear Dave:

In anticipation of the Conference of State Governors, July 11-14 at Lake George, New York, an ACT task force is being formed in each state for the purpose of conferring with the Governor on the reciprocity question.

Each task force is composed of the top Teamster representative, an outstanding supplier, and one or two outstanding truckers, or in some cases the state trucking association head.

Jack Hodding is organizing these task forces in the States with Democratic Governors, and Mattimore, using White House and Republican National Committee connections he acquired while running the Citizens for Eisenhower Campaign, is working on the States with Republican Governors.

Wherever feasible, a representative of the ACT Committee will accompany the state task force in its call upon the Governor, to emphasize the national interest. Dave Charney is supplying the publicity, which is a major part of the program.

Sincerely,

Arthur D. Condon

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cc: Washington Office

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May 20, 1954

Mr. Dave Beck  
100 Indiana Avenue, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dave:

In view of Mrs. Condon's illness I may not have an opportunity to brief you before the ACT Directors Meeting next Monday.

Burt Seymour, Dave Charnay and others will be in a position to bring you up to date on the New Jersey situation and other active and pending matters in which I have been working.

I feel that a major publicity effort should be directed at placing the ACT Directors in the forefront of the reciprocity tax fight, particularly in connection with the Governors Conference scheduled for July 11-14 at Lake George, New York. At that conference the reciprocity tax will be a major topic of discussion.

Aside from the publicity, what we need is a group of Governors willing to take the side of the trucking industry. I think that you, Dave Charnay and I are in a better position perhaps than the others to canvass the possibilities. Governor McKeldin of Maryland would be an excellent champion if he would undertake the job. I have already taken it up with him in a preliminary way. Governor Thornton of Colorado, to whom I have also talked might be helpful, especially if he decides to run for the U. S. Senate.

Sincerely,

*Red*  
Arthur D. Condon

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sent to Mr. Jack Redding.  
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# NEW JERSEY MOTOR TRUCK ASSOCIATION



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May 5, 1954

Mr. Dave Beck, Chairman  
Mr. Walter P. Carey, Director  
Mr. Roy Frusheuf, Director  
Mr. B. W. Seymour, Director

INDEPENDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE TRUCKING INDUSTRY, INC.  
1000 Vermont Avenue, Washington 5, D. C.

Gentlemen:

As you are no doubt aware, the continuing story in one of the blackest pages of industrial history, as we know it in this country, is being written now in the State of New Jersey.

Certain railroads and their paid agents are at work in New Jersey in their attempt to foist punitive legislation and taxation on the trucking industry. Through 'front' organizations backed by large slush funds provided by the Eastern Conference of Railroad Presidents and seemingly unlimited manpower, the railroads are attempting to feather their own nests by inspiring additional taxes which have always redounded against the consuming public.

Our association here is not a wealthy one. As a matter of fact, we are working with very limited funds and manpower to meet the tremendous onslaught of the railroad hordes which have converged on our great state. Their bald lies and spurious propaganda have to be met with truth. They are trying to repeat what they did in Ohio and what they tried to do in Pennsylvania and what they also tried to do in Virginia and some 19 other states through the Carl Byoir organization, whose entire force is in New Jersey, concentrating on our state capitol in Trenton. The situation is desperate, because the railroads have progressed to the point of having this legislation passed, which will open the flood gates for restrictive legislation and taxes in many other states.

We would appreciate any technical or physical assistance you can provide to work directly through our State Association and under my direction. This is not an appeal for funds. This is an appeal for "no-how" and manpower and unity in our industry. Time is of the essence and an immediate reply is therefore requested.

With kind personal regards and good wishes to the Committee, I am

Yours very truly,

*R. D. Dames*

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President

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May 2, 1954

Mr. Arthur Condon  
1000 Vermont Avenue, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Condon:

Following a discussion yesterday with Dave Charney, I am of the opinion that you and I should discuss the situation of the A.C.I. program in New Jersey, as there seems to be some difference of opinion.

I have gone over the activities of our Committee with Mr. Charney and have arranged a meeting for May 24 at ten o'clock at my Washington office with Roy Frausheaf, Bert Seymour and Walter Carey. At this time the entire matter will be thoroughly discussed. I would like you to be available to talk with us about this if it becomes necessary to call you.

Yours very truly,

*Dave Beck*

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cc to: *Frausheaf*  
*Carey*  
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April 29, 1954

Mr. Dave Beck,  
100 Indiana Avenue, N. W.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dave:

The ACT Committee is moving into the New Jersey situation where the enactment of a ton mile tax bill is imminent. The Eastern Highway Conference made a start in New Jersey, and our idea is for ACT to thoroughly analyze the situation.

I understand that you will not be available to join with the other ACT directors in a conference with the Governor of New Jersey until late in May. When you come East at that time I think we should review the situation as it exists then.

With warm regards.

Sincerely,

*Red*  
Arthur D. Condon

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cc: Seattle, Washington

*Safety*  
Governor's Committee on Highway

Suggested "Open Letter"  
(to be given national publicity)

Honorable Abraham Ribicoff, *Chairman*  
Governor of Connecticut  
Hartford, Connecticut

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Governor's Conference  
Committee on High-  
way Safety

My dear Governor:

Please accept my thanks and those of my associates in the International Brotherhood of Teamsters - down to the last driver and helper member - for your dedicated and effective efforts toward greater safety on the nation's highways.

We, here at the Teamsters headquarters, are most grateful to the Governors' Conference Committee on Highway Safety and to you as Chairman, for your recent and forthright report on the "critical" traffic situation calling for recodification of motor vehicle laws in many if not most of the states in conformity with the Uniform Vehicle Code.

It is particularly gratifying and encouraging to the man-behind-the-wheel that your Committee, in its 12-point recommendations, urged the adoption of "vehicle equipment standards contained in the Uniform Vehicle Code." And, in this connection, we should like particularly to call to the attention of the Governors Section 12-220 (d) of the Code. This is the section which authorizes the permissive use of the four turn signals as disabament flares "for the purpose of warning the operators of other vehicles of the presence of a vehicular traffic hazard requiring the exercise of unusual care in approaching, overtaking or passing".

This Code section, as you know, is in conformity with the American Trucking Associations' "Recommended Equipment Specification E-3" of 1955, which recommended that: "Turn signals shall be wired in such a manner that they will flash simultaneously to indicate vehicle disability."

To the professional drivers on the road, such equipment seems to provide



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the most effective protection yet advanced against the "sitting duck" accidents that claimed 1,280 lives and injured 151,060 in 1955 - and only the Lord knows (yet) how many in 1956. I might add that a sickening proportion of the dead were truck drivers who met their fate while setting out or taking in the pot torches, electric lanterns or red reflectors required by law to mark a commercial vehicle stalled on the travelled highway.

It is our profound hope that the Governors' Conference Committee will use every effort this year, while the legislatures of 42 of our 48 states are in session, to accomplish the goals set forth in its 12-point agenda. And you may be sure, Governor, that the International Brotherhood of Teamsters stands ready to a man to render any testimony or other assistance that you and your colleagues may consider may be helpful in this noble and vital crusade.

Sincerely,

(Signed)

Dave Beck  
General President